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**Secretary
FCC
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
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Washington, DC 20554**

Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Affordable wireless and wire line telecommunications networks are important to retaining and growing existing business, attracting new business and jobs to Shelby County.

We welcome and encourage high tech private sector telecommunications investment to our county because it adds to what we can offer to employers and makes the county a better place in which to live. Telecommunications has become more and more important to successful economic development.

Please continue to pursue the goals of universal broadband access. We need to make sure that the communications marketplace remains competitive and vibrant and that our businesses have access to high speed Internet access. The same thing is true for maintaining a free and open Internet.

Increased access to high tech telecommunications enhances our efforts to attract and retain jobs, especially high quality, high-paying jobs.

As the FCC embarks upon rulemaking this year, please avoid implementing any policy, rules or regulations that would impede further high-tech, private sector telecommunications investment. Such investment is important to our community's economic development efforts as well as our quality of life.

Thank you,


Dan Theobald,

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